

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIA CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to invite you to join the **Friends of Australia Congressional Caucus**.

The United States and Australia share a longstanding cultural, political and economic friendship. Since World War I when American and Australian troops fought side-by-side for the liberation Europe, Australia has been there when it counts.

Aside from shared interests in defense and mutual security, the United States and Australia are close economic partners with a two-way trade of over \$28 billion and with Australian companies currently employing more than 84,000 American workers. On March 28, 2003 the United States and Australia began negotiating a free trade agreement that could increase US GDP by as much as \$2.1 billion by 2006. This agreement would create even more opportunity for a broad range of domestic industries to strengthen and improve our existing economic relationship. While withholding any judgment until the final agreement is reached, we welcome this discussion and look forward to working with the Australians on improving opportunities for trade between our two countries.

The Friends of Australia Congressional Caucus will build on our friendship by creating a bipartisan forum within the Congress that will focus on issues and disseminate information that promotes a deeper cultural understanding, enhances our mutual security, and strengthens our economic ties. To lend your support to one of our closest allies by joining the caucus, please contact Vergil Cabasco, with Congresswoman Dunn's office at 57761 or Lori Denham with Congressman Dooley's office at 53341.

Sincerely,



JENNIFER DUNN
Member of Congress



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